

Elton E. Howard

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GROTON - The funeral for Elton E. Howard, 76, Groton, was held Monday morning at the Congregational Church in Columbia. The Rev. Wayne Tieszen officiated.

Burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel of Groton.

Masonic graveside rites were by the Groton Masonic Lodge.

He died Wednesday, March 29, 1989, at his farm home near Groton.

Elton E. Howard was born June 5, 1912, at LaMoure, N.D., to Carl and Laura (Chase) Howard Sr. He moved with his family to the Houghton area and graduated from Claremont High School in 1930. He worked for Civilian Conservation Corps in the Black Hills for several years.

He returned to the Columbia area to farm in 1938. In 1947, he moved to the Groton area to farm.

He married Mildred Preble at Groton May 26, 1959.

He was a member of the Congregational Church in Columbia and served in many church offices. He was a member of the Columbia Masonic Lodge, later the Groton Masonic Lodge, and was a past

master of the Groton Masonic Lodge. He had also served as lodge secretary. He had a dual membership in the Order of the Eastern Star at Claremont and Groton. At the time of his death he was serving as sentinel at Claremont and a warden at Groton. He was a past patron and the current grand representative of Georgia in the Eastern Star of South Dakota.

Survivors include one step-daughter, Mrs. Dale (Louise) Mattsen, Renton, Wash.; five brothers, Carl Howard Jr., Groton; Frank Howard, burnsville, N.C.; Jerry Howard, Aberdeen; Chester Howard, Bath; and Jay Howard, Groton; one sister, Mrs. Byron (Lucille) Weir, Alfa, Ill.; several step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, one brother and one step-brother.

Casketbearers were Lyle Thurston, Norman Townsend, Jerroll Erdmann, A.M. Mitchell, Allan Dennert, and Kenneth Sieber.

Organist was Mrs. Edwin Karlen with Lee Schinkel as soloist, singing, "Saved By Grace", and "Asleep In Jesus".